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Application No. 09/996,838

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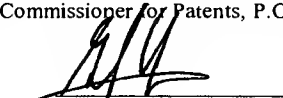
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 TO
THE EXAMINER'S ACTION, DATED APRIL 14, 2006

Sir:

The present Reply is in response to a final Action dated April 14, 2006. The present amendments are being made pursuant to recommendations made by the Examiner during a telephone conference on August 10, 2006. According to the Examiner, such amendments would serve to overcome the Section 112, written description requirement, rejection. Accordingly, the amendments place the claims in a better form for consideration on appeal and applicants request respectfully their entry.